Conversion of Vishwayatan Yogashram into paying guest house

4001. SHRI L. NARSINGH NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vishwayatan Yogashram Teachers Training Centre, Katra Vaishno Devi (JK) has been converted into a pay-in guest house;

(b) whether the management of the above institute have forcibly transferred the trainees of undergo training at Aparna Ashram, Mantalai;

(c) whether accountant of the said Ashram was terminated for having pointed out irregularities/misuse of Government funds etc.; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to look into the matter and ask the management of the said Ashram to take back the accountant who was sacked recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Managing Trustee, Vishwayatan Yogashram has informed that the Teachers Training Centre at Katra, Vaishno Devi (J & K) has not been converted into a paying guest house.

(b) The training course for the yoga trainees are conducted in two phases. The training in the first phase of theoretical/practical course is held at Katra and the second phase consisting of training in Yoga Therapy and advance yogic research is conducted at Aparna Ashram, Mantalai. According to the Managing Trustee, this has been done because of inadequate facilities at Katra.

(c) and (d) The Managing Trustee Vishwayatan Yogashram has informed that the services of the Accountant were terminated on account of his unsatisfactory work, mis-conduct and mis-behaviour during the probation period and there is no question of taking him back in service.

Non-payment of salary to the employees of CRIY

4002. SHRI L. NARSINGH NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Central Research Institute for Yoga, New Delhi are yet to get their salaries for the months of May and June, 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are yet to get arrears on account of implementation of Fourth Central Pay Commission's recommendations; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for non-payment and whether Government propose to release their salaries/pay arrears and to conduct an enquiry into the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The payment of arrears on account of implementation of Fouth Pay Commission's recommendation could not be made because of shortage of funds. There is no question of holding any inquiry into the matter.

Sale of kids in Orissa and Bihar

4003. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to desperation parents are being forced to sell their kids in Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to Government's notice; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments concerned and will be laid on the table of the House.

Funds for adult education

4004. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government monitor the use of funds for adult education in States; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for their proper utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) Funds are being released in a financial year on the basis of utilisation and actual performance during the previous financial year. Moreover, the Centres run under various Adult Education Schemes in all the States and Union Territories are being subjected to periodic and surprise inspections.

Statement

The National Adult Education Programme (which will now be implemented as National Literacy Mission) is being implemented through the following agencies:

1. Rural Functional Literacy Projects.
2. State Adult Education Projects.
3. Voluntary Agencies (VAs).
4. Mass Programme for Functional Literacy.

Rural Functional Literacy Project is fully funded by the Central Government but administered by the State Governments. State Adult Education Project is funded and implemented by the State Governments.

2. As far voluntary Agencies (VAs) are concerned, there is a central scheme of grant-in-aid to Voluntary Agencies under which 75 per cent of the administrative expenditure and 100 per cent programme expenditure is being met by the Central Government and the centre-based programme is being implemented by the agencies themselves.

3. As far as Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL) is concerned, the Central Government releases funds to the State Resource Centres (SRCs) for production of literacy kits which are supplied free of cost to the student youth, non-student youth and other agencies. Besides, the Central Government also arranges training of the master trainees (NSS, non-NSS and NCC) through the SRCs.

4. The following procedure is being adopted for monitoring of information regarding utilisation of funds in respect of the above categories as below:—

1. *RURAL FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT*:—

Hitherto sanctions under RFLP in favour of receipt were being released in three instalments. Release of second and third instalments was conditional on utilisation of the first and second instalments and receipt of reports from the State Governments to that effect. From 1988-89, the amount under RFLP is being released in two instalments subject to satisfactory utilisation of the amount released in previous years and receipt of utilisation certificates to that effect. From this year, an additional component is being added in respect of performance of adult learners in Adult Education Centres.

2. *STATE ADULT EDUCATION PROJECTS*:—

The Planning & Monitoring Unit of the Department of Education, however, is receiving quarterly progress report of expenditure from the State Governments under SAEP.

3. *VOLUNTARY AGENCIES*: —

The condition of sanction of funds under the Central Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Voluntary Agencies stipulates that the Voluntary Agencies receiving funds from